

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **CHIBA, et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2626**

Serial No.: **Not Yet Assigned**

Examiner: **GRANT II**

Filed: **February 24, 2004**

For. **IMAGE READER**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: February 24, 2004

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned Rule 1.53(b) Divisional application. Please amend this Rule 1.53(b) Divisional application as follows: